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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REPLACING KNEE-JOINT

Docket No.: M81.12-0060

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: A. Ramana

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed March 1, 2006, finally rejecting claims 9-19.

**FEE STATUS**

[X] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is established by a verified statement previously filed.

**FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

[ ] other than a small entity	\$500.00
[X] small entity	\$250.00

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

These proceedings are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(a) [ ] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-

(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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☐ An extension for --- has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$--- is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$---

or

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

#### **TOTAL FEE DUE**

The total fee due is:

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Respectfully submitted,

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